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LAINE HANNIE'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

By "Virginia."

CHAPTER XXI.
It was only a few minutes, but it seemed hours before the two gentlemen again entered the office.

"My boy," said the tall stranger, "if you come to Laine Hannie's home, this girl will not be punished for spoiling Mr. Crawford's property, but—"

"Oh, won't he put me in the prison?" interrupted Sissy, the tears streaming down her face.

"No, not if this boy will take me to where Janet and Nannie live; I am their best friend."

"But I left them up at Alton sir, and they are going down to St. Louis in the boat this week, but I think I can find them."

And then he told all he knew about the lame Nannie and her family, and the story seemed to affect the man much, for he listened with an eagerness that showed he was very much interested in them, and when Donald finished, he said: "We'll try and find a place for you to live in the first place, and just as soon as you find Janet, Sissy can go to her friends again."

"And maybe we'll find her some better friends to go to than she's ever had before," added the gentleman in the arm-chair.

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But we mustn't think too much of such sincerity of good-will in your gift! We should have our store crowded as the toy-shops! and our bundles being left at thousands of door!

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Colt, Hammerless, 12-bore, 30-inch, 7 3/4 lbs.	\$75.00	
Bonelli, Damascus, Pistol Grip, Top Snap, 10 bore, 30-inch, 11 lbs.	\$40.00; net, \$28.00	
Baker, Double Barrel, Damascus, Pistol Grip, engraved, bore 10, 32-inch, 8 3/4 lbs.	\$60.00; net, \$50.00	
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Parker Bros.' Top Snap, Straight Grip, bore 10 and 12, 32-inch, 8 to 10 1/4 lbs.	\$18.00	
W. & C. Scott & Sons' Premier, Hammerless, 10 bore, 32-inch, 11 lbs.	List, \$85.00; net, \$60.00	
Parker Bros.' Top Snap, Straight Grip, bore 10 and 12, 32-inch, 8 to 10 1/4 lbs.	\$18.00	
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Parker Bros.' Top Snap, Pistol Grip, 10 bore, 32-in., 10 1/2 lbs.	\$100.00; net, \$85.00	
E. Remington & Sons, Top Snap, 10 bore, 30-8 1/4.	List, \$40.00; net, \$32.00	
L. C. Smith, Hammer Gun, 10-bore, 32-inch, 10 lbs. 10 oz.	List, \$65.50; net, \$57.50	
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THE STREET-SPRINKLING QUESTION WILL BE DECIDED AT AN ELECTION.

Passage of the Bill Submitting the Necessary Charter Amendment to the Gas Investigating Committee Resumes Its Inquiry This Afternoon—Births and Deaths—Forsyth Hydrophobia—Municipal Matters.

The bill providing for an election on the amendment to the city charter to levy a special tax to pay the cost of sprinkling the streets of the city, if passed, will be submitted to the Mayor for his approval on Monday, and the requisite notice of the proposed election will be published at noon. Comptroller Campbell again stated his objections to the bill on the floor of the Council last night. He defends his actions in this respect on the ground that he is the financial officer of the city, and as every subject of legislation affects the finances of the city he has a right to interpose objections to bills which he believes are not advisable measures. The impropriety of his butting against the city's law officer on a purely legal point does not seem to have dawned upon him yet.

Now that the bill has been passed, its fate at the election is uncertain. It is estimated that it will result in an increase of tax on the owners of large unimproved sites held at high figures may be expected. It will also meet with the opposition of landlords on whom, according to the provisions of the amendment, the tax will be levied. By the terms of the bill the tax is limited to 10 cents per front foot, or 30 cents per foot for buildings over 30 feet high. It is anticipated that at this figure the tax will not amount to one-third of the amount formerly levied, and the contractors of private agreements will oppose the measure.

An election on the proposed amendment will be called by the Mayor and the date will be fixed by the Board of Aldermen. The date will be made for sixty days after the election. In the meantime an ordinance regulating the details of street sprinkling will be prepared. The proposed amendment is accepted by three-fifths of the voters on election day.

The Gas Inquiry.

The joint Council and House Committee on Gas Investigation met at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, when the inquiry into the reported pool of the Gas Company was resumed. Secretary Paschall of the St. Louis Gaslight Company and Secretary of the Gas Association were summoned before the committee. According to the information received by the committee there are several copies of the contract between the City of Commerce and Mr. W. H. Thompson, the President of the Trust, will return from New York on Monday. He is under no obligation, however, to do so. The committee will consider at this convenient time. The committee state that they will insist on securing the original contract, and that the committee will be the best evidence concerning the matter now under investigation.

Deaths and Births.

During the week ending at noon to-day 186 deaths occurred in this city.

Twenty-six were of infants under 1 year, twenty-three of persons of 60 years of age, and two fatal accidents. In twenty-eight cases diphtheria was assigned as the cause of death, in nine group, in twenty consumption, and in one, hydrocephalus.

There were 185 births reported during the same length of time.

Municipal Matters.

The city physicians vaccinated 102 children at the Benton School, 33 at the Franklin, 175 at the Carr Lane, 75 at the Lincoln and 14 at the Eliot; a total of 549 during the past week.

On account of the death of Anne Forster, aged 47 years, at Arkansas Avenue and Potomac street. Dr. Karges, who attended, notes that some of the symptoms of the case were hydrocephalus, and that the girl was once bitten by a dog.

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Xmas presents till you visit BURRELL, COMSTOCK & CO.'S Warehouses, 403-404 N. 4th.

AMONG THE BROKERS.

West Granite—Weaker—Penceo Officers Mining Coop.

Juniper was heard from again to-day, 22 cents being bid for the stock. Diner was offered at 32½ cents. Carrboro was offered at 50 cents. Sheridan was 12 cents bid. Jumbo was 80 cents bid for 1,000. Pat Murphy was offered at 31½. Small Hopes was offered at 35. Red was 35 cents bid.

West Granite was weaker to-day. It was offered down gradually until it reached \$1, at which it was offered freely, with 35 cents bid. There was little interest in it.

Imports and Exports of Goods.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The imports of oil at the port of New York, last week amounted to \$36,000. The exports of specie for the week were \$1,740,000. The imports of merchandise for the week amounted to \$8,000,000. The rumor was only half true, that there was only one resignation—that of Mr. Carnegie.

Carnegie Resigns.

By Telegraph to the Post-Dispatch. JEROMEVILLE, Ill., December 17.—Oscar Landon, a wealthy farmer aged about 45 years, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn on his farm, four miles from here, at 11 o'clock this morning. He was one of the wealthiest farmers in Jersey County. He was a large, robust, healthy man, and no reason is known as to why he took his own life.

Black Oak was stronger to-day. It was offered down gradually until it reached \$1, at which it was offered freely, with 35 cents bid. There was little interest in it.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

The Wife of Superintendent Long Robbed in Daylight on Garrison Avenue.

At 8 o'clock this afternoon a woman was awoke out for a highway robbery by a semi-nude negro, name, Edward Lomky, a negro, 18 years of age. Mrs. E. H. Long, wife of the Superintendent of Public Schools, who lives at 1515 Garrison avenue, is the complainant. This last evening along the east side of Garrison avenue between Dayton and Dickson streets, Long placed it in her car and took off her hat. She identified the negro boy.

Death of Wm. M. Kelle.

Wm. M. Kelle, who was stricken with a complication of diseases about eighteen months ago, and who was taken to his father's home in Southampton, Ontario, in hope that he would be benefited by the change of air, died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. His many friends in the city expressed regret to learn of his untimely demise. He was an elder and superintendent of the Sunday school in the First Presbyterian church, and was held in high esteem. He was also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The remains will be interred in the family burying ground near Southampton.

A Counterfeiter Dead Raided.

By Telegraph to the Post-Dispatch. WICHITA, Kan., December 17.—For some time past a large number of counterfeit dollars and nickels have been in circulation in this city, but every effort to unearth the counterfeiters has been fruitless till this morning. To-day an island in the Arkansas River was raided and small boats were sent out, and the banks were found a large quantity of counterfeit money and dies in which they had been made. Two men made their escape and have not yet been found.

A Bill-Kaiser Arrested.

DETROIT, Mich., December 17.—The Evening Journal's special from Lansing says: Albert Marvel was arrested by a Deputy United States Marshal in Duran this morning and was bound over on a charge of passing bills raised from his own pocket. Marvel operated all through the state last summer and skipped to Pennsylvania, where he had been held for a like charge, but returned home yesterday.

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From the Chicago Tribune.

There was a time when the professional "fakers" was a rare bird, but that is many years ago. As a rarity he is no longer conspicuous. He has developed with journal and magazine in the credibility of the "fakers" and the "fakers" are now more numerous. The pristine vigor and virile style have departed, and the "fakers" of to-day are compelled to confine themselves to a dozen hand-knitted yarns that have done well for many years.

The most successful "fakers" bear the stamp of antiquity, and these the sea-serpent seems to have achieved the most pronounced success. Its lengthening trail extends back through the centuries until it is lost in the mist of time. The sea-serpent was old enough to vote before Cadmus formed the alphabet, and he has had a diversified career since. He is perennial, and in his ancient "faker" attire is worthy of his best efforts. The sea-serpent is very popular with the "fakers" of to-day, and this is the way he is periodically reproached before the public.

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., November 24.—The crew of the ship Mary Jane report that while beating to the windward about eighty miles off shore, yesterday, a huge sea-serpent was seen rising up from the sea, just beside the

ship.

A NEW YORK, November 24.—The West End Socio Club gave their third reception last night at Albany Hall. A large number of friends were present and a pleasant time was had.

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

COLUMBIA—Richard Mansfield.
GRAND—Hermann.
PROFESSOR'S—Minnie Vickers in "Cherub."
POPE'S—"Lights o' London."
STANDARD—Reilly & Woods' Big Show.
CASINO—Novelties Co.The indications for twenty-four
hours commencing at 3 p.m. to-day
for Missouri are: Colder, fair
weather; light to fresh northwest
winds.

FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH will pub-
lish on Sunday, January 1, its list of
ladies receiving on New Year's Day,
Ladies who intend to receive will confer a
favor by sending notice to that effect to
this office, addressed to the Society Editor
of the Post-DISPATCH.It has been decided by the little ones of
St. Louis that Santa Claus must stay.The present Congress has enough red-
headed men to start off in a blaze of
glory.Under existing circumstances Mr. RAN-
DALL should not make himself very noisy
or perverse for the present.The campaign cry of a tariff for surplus
is liable to become the funeral dirge of the
party that raises it and sticks to it.The Fifteenth Congress is noted for its re-
markable percentage of red-headed men
and is prepared to outshine all its prede-
cessors.The attempts of Comptroller CAMPBELL
to make himself the municipal Pooh-Bah
of St. Louis are producing a picturesque
array of failures.The deliberations of the convention of
Republican clubs indicated that Mr.
BLAINE was yanking the string during the
whole proceedings.While the Republican clubs are in ses-
sion they should state whether the Repub-
lican platforms, or the war tariff organs,
represent the Republican view of the
tariff.The influence of the Post-DISPATCH is
equally powerful in securing the passage
of a springing amendment and in inducing
Santa Claus to continue his regular
annual visits to St. Louis.The Gradgrind opponents of Santa
Claus should feel ashamed of themselves
when they read the letters which the little
folk have written to the Post-DISPATCH
in behalf of their old friend with the rein-
deer team.While the farmer's wheat has been
falling from \$1.80 to 70 cents on account of
competition with the cheap labor of India,
a tariff of from 40 to 62½ per cent on steel
wire rods has forced him to pay double
price for the material of which the Wash-
burn & Moen patent monopoly manu-
facturers his wife fences. And while the
farmer is taxed thus on everything he buys
for farm use, the protection policy
now in force compels him to ship his pro-
duce in foreign vessels, which come back
loaded with cheap foreign laborers for the
protected manufacturers. The granger
who is pleased with that sort of protec-
tion must be a very poor calculator.Our advertising columns have been so
well filled during the past week that we
have been compelled to omit the custom-
ary advertisements of our Sunday issue.
Fortunately the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH
has established a reputation which hardly
needs further advertisement. Nothing in
the history of St. Louis journalism has
been as wonderful as the phenomenal
growth of our Sunday edition, which has
in less than three months attained a circu-
lation second to only one newspaper in
St. Louis, and fast advancing toward thefirst place. Nothing like the success of the
SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH has been known
in the history of St. Louis journalism be-
cause there has been nothing like the
SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH.A Boston paper, referring to the real
estate assessment of \$550,000,000 in that
city, says the personal property assess-
ment of \$200,000,000 is not over one-fifth of
the taxable persons owned by Boston-
ians, and does not in fact equal the
amount held by Boston men in the stocks
and bonds of the U. P., the C. B. & Q.
and the A. T. & S. F. Railroads. But it
remarks that capital shuns cities in which
it is taxed, and manufacturers seek cities
in which personal property mostly
escapes and real estate has to bear the
burden of taxation, and that for this reason
the large real estate owners of Boston
would, almost to a man, prefer to have the
tax imposed almost solely on real estate.
This explanation of their reason is rather
far-fetched. Perhaps a simpler explana-
tion is the fact that a tax on their personal
property must generally come out of their
own pockets, or be criminally evaded,
while tax on their houses rests on their
tenants or on the community at large.It is well for the country that the question
raised and settled in the contest over
the West Virginia Senatorship came up
between contestants who are members of
the same party. If one had been a Re-
publican and the other a Democrat the
decision might have been different and
the precedent productive of future
trouble. The decision simply is that nothing
in the Constitution or laws of a State
can divest its Legislature of power vested
in it by the Federal Constitution, or
prevent said Legislature when lawfully in
session from discharging the duty of
electing a United States Senator as im-
posed by Federal law. The West Virginia
Legislature had failed to perform this
and other duties in the regular session,
and the Governor, after appointing a
United States Senator had called the
Legislature in extra session, and, in doing
so, took advantage of a provision in the
State Constitution forbidding the Legis-
lature in a called session to transact any
business not specially submitted by the
Governor. By simply refusing to submit
the election of a Senator to the Legis-
lature the Governor thought he would
have the appointment of a United States
Senator all to himself. But so far as this
this provision would operate, or could be
made to operate as a defeat of the Constitu-
tion of the United States and a transfer
of the choice of a Senator from the Legis-
lature to the Governor, the Senate has
rightly held it void.

METROPOLITAN PRESS.

What the Editors of the New York Journals
Are Saying This Morning.

By Telegraph to the Post-DISPATCH.

NEW YORK, December 17.—THE WORLD says:

"The local Blaine organ, disturbed at the
vicious opposition aroused even in Republican
quarters by its leader's proposal to per-
petuate the war taxes and distribute the sur-
plus, tries to show that the Republicans in
Congress are in favor of stopping the surplus,
but that Speaker Carlisle will not give them a
chance. Actions speak louder than words. In
both the last two Congresses the Republicans
have been solidly against even the considera-
tion of tax reduction. The bills reported for
this purpose by the Ways and Means
Committee would have been subjected to any
amendment, but by another
measure, but the Republicans prevented
their consideration. Furthermore, in 1888,
the Republicans had control of Congress. They
promised to reduce the tariff 20
per cent and to abate \$45,000,000 of revenue
from this source. By a juggling bill they
actually raised the duties on some articles
and left the revenue duty substantially un-
changed. The customs collections were
but \$3,000,000 less in 1888, and have increased
steadily ever since. The Republican party is
committed to a perpetuation of the war taxes
and to spending the surplus. It cannot wrig-
gle away from its record, but should set
about improving it."

THE TRIBUNE.

The Tribune says: "Democratic capacity for
blameless knowledge is in the Boston
representatives it was displayed yesterday in
a striking manner and Mr. Reed made the most
of it to the great discomfort of his opponents.
His cutting remarks came to their wince and
they forced him to apologize, but Mr. Randal
alone of the majority seemed to enjoy
the chance of a surplus. He is the only
one who has acknowledged the danger of
a sudden and sharp reduction. It has reluctantly
favored a revision of the tariff, though insist-
ing on the preservation of the protective prin-
ciple. The Free Trade party, which is
a very large number in the Republican
party, who are not frightened by the
President's proposition, but who are likely
to be disgusted by the intolerance and lamen-
tation which the party has shown in
regarding the surplus. If the ground is to be taken that the
war tariff with its extreme protection for
certain monopolies and other necessities is a
sacred thing, and that an excess of revenue is
to be raised and squandered, many Repub-
licans will be compelled to take
party lines, and there will be none to take
their place. If the plan is to limit the Repub-
lican party to those who can agree in keeping
the war tariff, then the party will be
the worst features of the present tariff and in
accepting Mr. Blaine as the embodiment of
the Free Trade party, who is to be a
party line, and there will be none to take
up a sharp zeal and confidence, but it
will become too small to serve the useful pur-
pose of an effective opposition, and something
will have to be found to take its place."

THE TIMES.

The Times says: "On the tariff question,
the disposition seems to be to drag it
out as long as possible. The war tariff
is being forced is a new one and a narrow one.
Hence it has acknowledged the danger of
a sudden and sharp reduction. It has reluctantly
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From the Texas Mesquiter.

If some of the boys growing up around this
town were hung now it would save trouble

and Expense also.

From the Texas Mesquiter.

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BLAINE IN PARIS.

THE MAINE STATESMAN CHATS ABOUT HIS
IMPRESSIONS OF EUROPE.Weather in the French Capital Not Agree-
able—An Interview With President Car-
not—The Recent Crisis—European Par-
liaments and the American Congress—
The French Educational System—The
Shakespeare-Bacon Controversy.

Special Cablegram to the Post-DISPATCH.

PARIS, December 17.—I called on Mr. Blaine
yesterday: "I shall not be in Paris much
longer," he said. "I am going to Rome very
shortly, but the date of my departure is not
yet fixed. I came to Paris in October, intend-
ing only to stay three weeks, and am still here.
It is probable that I shall return after my
journey south. I do not like this Parisian
winter, and these French streets are not
at all comfortable. You have to wear very
heavy coats outside and you don't get warm
when you come back in doors. But in America we
are accustomed to milder weather."The French political situation is about on
a level with London, while Virginia is about
on a par with Africa. Yes we have rigorous
winters, too, worse than even St. Peters-
burg. Just think, the coldest weather they
have there is 8 degrees Fahrenheit, while some-
times in America we have it as cold as 22 degrees.Through the courtesy of Mr. McLane,
Mr. Morton and myself were presented to-day
to President Carnot. He received us with the
greatest cordiality and charmed us with his
warmth and frankness. He is a man of
great personal charm and a good speaker.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the early departure of the fast mail train, advertisements for the SUNDAY MORNING POST-DISPATCH must be in the office before 9 o'clock Saturday night to insure insertion.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner Bell Street and Cardinal Avenue, Rev. Dr. Rhodes, pastor. Services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Dr. Rhodes both morning and evening.

Temple Israel - Sunday Lecture, Pickwick Hall, corner Jefferson and Locust, 10 a.m. Services. Subject: "The Main Christological Text," seats free. Begins at 11 a.m. sharp; repeat at 1 p.m.

St. George's Church, corner of Beau mont and Chestnut streets, Rev. A. Holland, S. T. D., Rector. Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:45 p.m. William Johnson will preach and sing in the church corner 23d and Clark at Sunday morning and evening at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Services will be given on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Church for Ethical Culture - The third lecture in the series of addresses on an Ethical Socialism will be delivered by Mr. G. W. Johnson, 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Services will be given at 7:45 p.m. All cordially invited.

Second Baptist Church, corner of Locust and Beaumont (21st) Rev. Dr. Thomas, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Preliminary prayer-meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Sabbath-school at 9 a.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Services will be given at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday evenings.

North Presbyterian Church, corner of Sixteenth and Pine streets, Rev. John Matthews, D. D., pastor. Residence, 2047 West Florissant Avenue. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Preliminary prayer-meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings. Sabbath-school at 9 a.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Services will be given at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church - Grand avenue, head of Washington Avenue, Rev. Mr. S. D. M. S. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Sabbath-school at 9 a.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Services will be given at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday evenings.

First Congregational Church, corner of Pine and Locust, Rev. Mr. G. W. Gorin, pastor. Residence, 1121 Pine Street. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Sabbath-school at 9 a.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Services will be given at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Second Presbyterian Church, N. W. Nicolls, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Sabbath-school at 9 a.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Services will be given at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Lafayette Park Presbyterian Church (opposite western gate of the park). Rev. G. W. Johnson, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Sabbath-school at 9 a.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Services will be given at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Church of the Messiah (Unitarian), 2200 Locust Street, Rev. Mr. W. H. Rhodes, pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Sabbath-school at 9 a.m. Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Services will be given at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday evenings.

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MUSICAL ASSEMBLY.

Springing Amendment Passed—Blow at
the Gas Companies.

In the Council last night Mr. Blakely moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House amendment to the springing bill was rejected. Mr. Durou said that under the present law the cost would be 100 per cent less to the city. The motion to reconsider was adopted, 7 to 4. The original amendment by which the bill was rejected, Mr. Durou said that under the present law the cost would be 100 per cent less to the city. The motion to reconsider was adopted, 7 to 4.

The House resolution on gas inspection was reported, "and concurred in." The bill, which was introduced for inspection of Grand Avenue from Laclede to Easton was approved.

The bond of the St. Louis Railroad Company was set back to the Railroad Committee of the House of Representatives by signature. The bill reducing the number of precincts from 250 to 144 was reported and passed. The bill, which was introduced at the last meeting, was filled by the election of Jesse A. McDonald.

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JOHN L. IN IRELAND.

HE RETURNS TO DUBLIN AFTER A TOUR OF THE PROVINCES.

And Makes a Speech in Which He Says That an Irishman Should Always Be on Top—His Enthusiastic Reception—The Trap Set by Charley Mitchell—The Smith-Kilrain Party Leaves England—Sporting News—Base Ball Gossips.

Special Cablegram to the Post-Dispatch.

DUBLIN, December 11.—After touring through the Irish provinces with his troupe, John L. Sullivan returned to Dublin yesterday morning, and reappeared at the Leinster Hall last evening. The audience was not quite as large on Monday night, but the animation was greater. The two professionals, who had been successful on Monday evening, were not so well received on Tuesday evening. They made some threats against us because of the action of the Congress.

"You mean in the way of bidding against us by getting up heavy stakes and prizes."

"Oh, that does not amount to much," and Mr. Green smiled a pleasant smile. "A fine City to be in, and we will have a good track yet."

"The expansion of Memphis and Nashville will be a great success, and we will have a fine track there."

"Well, it will be serious enough because of the fact that we will not collect their forfeits when they come to race at our tracks. Sometimes a horseman may owe them considerable sums in this way, and he will not be able to get his horses elsewhere. They will undoubtedly regret that they merited the punishment by violating the rules."

Winston Won.

The match for \$200 a side between Capt. A. B. Borodius and J. L. Winston of Covington took place at Compton Avenue Park yesterday afternoon. The conditions of the match were 100 wild pigeons, 20 English roses. Winston won the match by killing 96 birds, two more than Borodius, no killing at the weather. The two men were well matched.

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